

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor the Americans who have been prisoners of war and recognize them for enduring unimaginable hardships while serving in military conflicts around the globe; and

WHEREAS, there are 760,000 veterans currently living in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, we remember those who are still missing in action, some 78,000 plus from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, of which 2,300 are from North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Americans will never forget those who have borne the indignities and sufferings of captivity in service to our country, those missing in action, or those who died as prisoners of war, far from home and family; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the POW/MIA flag, a black and white banner symbolizing America's missing, is a constant and powerful reminder to people around the world that our nation will keep faith with those who have served and sacrificed; and

WHEREAS, America has pledged, as a nation, it will not rest until there is a full accounting of every American veteran missing in action; and

WHEREAS, today we ask the citizens of North Carolina and the nation to remember them in our thoughts and prayers, wherever they are or wherever they have fallen, with special sympathy and concern, and remember too the courageous families who maintain their steadfast vigil in their search for peace that comes only with certainty;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2007, as "POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY" in North Carolina, a day dedicated to all former American prisoners of war, to those still missing, and to their families and urge all residents of the State of North Carolina to join me in honoring those outstanding individuals.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-first day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.